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Canton OK's $10.5 million water tank

A nine-year discussion culminated in a unanimous vote of Canton Township officials to proceed with the construction of a $10.2 million water storage tank last week.

The 96,297 square-foot tank is expected to save an estimated $3.5 million from the $12 million that Canton currently pays annually to the Great Lakes Water System for water, officials said. The construction will be funded by an estimated $8.5 million in low-interest bond money from prior water and sewer projects and from the township water-sewer fund.

The facility, under discussion since the project was first suggested in 2007, is an effort to control local water rates by utilizing the 2.5 million gallon facility to store water accumulated during "off peak" rate times for use by residents. A higher rate is charged for water during the hours of highest demand, usually in the morning and evening hours. Those peak hour higher costs would be avoided and not affect the cost of water from the Great Lakes Water Authority system, and the cost savings passed on to local users, officials said.

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Work on the new storage facility and pump station could begin this month and the storage tank is expected to be complete and operational in May of next year.

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Currently, residential customers in Canton pay an average of about $416 each quarter for water, including a proposed 7 percent increase effective May 1.

The water storage facility will be built on land adjacent to the Plymouth Christian Fellowship Church and the township will build an access road to the facility from the church property. Township officials have agreed to pave a church parking lot and build a trash enclosure.

The $9.1 million contract for the construction of the ground level tank and 23,953 square-foot pump station was awarded to RCL Construction and the project will be managed by OHM Advisors at a cost of $940,000, which will include engineering services.

Arson suspected in Eloise blaze

Westland fire officials continue to investigate the cause of a fire at the former bakery building on the Eloise Hospital property which took place last Wednesday, March 30.

According to reports of the incident, firefighters were called to the complex at about 2 p.m. where flames were clearly visible coming through the roof of the building. Getting to the building required the firefighters to cut through a fence which delayed their immediate action to quell the blaze. Upon reaching the building, fire had destroyed the structure, which was declared a total loss, according to reports.

The Eloise complex, a former mental asylum, is located at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Merriman Road and includes several buildings, most of which are now abandoned. The 50-acre property is owned by Wayne County, which has offered the land and buildings, considered a historic site, for sale for $1.5 million.

Investigators initially determined the fire as arson when two gas cans and a flare were found near the building, but no formal ruling or arrests have been made. Initial reports said that two 16-year-olds were suspects, but investigators have not confirmed any suspects or charges in the blaze.

The abandoned bakery building at the former Eloise Hospital site in Westland was a total loss to suspected arson last week. The bakery was constructed n 1905 and shut down in 1960.

The property is one of the original 76 buildings on what was once a 900-acre site which began as a poorhouse and farm in 1839. The mental hospital, a tuberculosis sanatorium and the Wayne County Hospital were added over the years until it became the largest complex of its kind. The bakery building was constructed in 1905 and shut down in 1960.

According to the Haunted USA.org website, the buildings are rumored to be haunted and several tales of eerie happenings and discoveries have been reported at the site, including the vision of a "spectral woman wearing white" seen on the upper floors and on the roof of the D building.

The Friends of Eloise, a volunteer preservation group, has been working to preserve the history and artifacts at the property which at one time housed thousands of homeless, mentally ill or hospital patients.

Kroger expansion plan nixed in Northville

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Northville Township planning commissioners have rejected a request from the Kroger Co. to rezone the land on the northwest corner of Five Mile and Haggerty roads where the company plans to construct a 12-pump gas station and convenience store. The six commissioners in attendance were unanimously opposed to the plan which was discussed during a public hearing on the request last week.

The recommendation not to approve the rezoning will now go to the Northville Township Board of Trustees for a vote April 21.

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During the public hearing, the commissioners discussed various factors they said rendered the request inconsistent and incompatible with existing and future land use as prescribed by the township master plan. The commissioners listened to public comment on the request for rezoning and following discussion voted 6-0 to recommended not rezoning the property.

Kroger representatives have requested a zoning change from B-1 to B-3. The B-3 zoning district allows several auto related uses as a special land use. The commissioners cited concerns as to the suitability, traffic impact, aesthetics and potential influence on property values compared to uses permitted under the current zoning. In addition, commission members studied capacity of the township utilities and street system to safety accommodate the added traffic that the gas station would attract.

The Kroger store is currently located on the north end of the property. To the east is a Marathon gas station. Tutor Time Day Care Center sits to the south and a 15,000 square foot school, formerly Tanger Elementary, is located on the west.

Kroger was represented at the hearing by Matthew Pisko of consulting firm, Project Collaborative of Farmington Hills. Pisko argued that the Kroger redevelopment plan is consistent with the goals of the future land use map and does not include any additional curb

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Richard Marinucci

'Resignation' denied by fire chief

Former Northville Township Fire Chief Richard Marinucci is disputing the terms of his separation from his job.

Marinucci, 62, who had been with the township since 2009, left his $116,000 position March 18. According to his attorney, Jill Schinske of Novi, there is an ongoing dispute about his separation.

"We maintain he was terminated," she said last Friday. "It was not due to anything improper or illegal, but he was forced out."

She would not comment on the current status of any legal actions regarding the situation but said, "There is a process. There is a dispute and other issued that I cannot speak to."

She said that no lawsuit had been filed that there are no current negotiations with the township.

"We are still considering all options," she said.

Township Manager Chip Snider said, "As of today, I have no reason to suggest in any way that Mr. Marinucci did not resign. His last day was Friday, March 18.".

Northville Township Director of Public Safety John Werth also declined comment on the resignation.

Marinucci is nationally - known firefighter training expert and is the Executive Director of the Fire Department Safety Officers Association, a non-profit established to promote safety standards and practices in the fire, rescue and emergency services community.

Marinucci retired from the Farmington Hills Fire Department where he served since 1984.

(Staff Writer Don Howard contributed to this story.)

Belleville - Romulus

Earth Day activities planned in city

The City of Romulus will celebrate Earth Day with several free events open to the public.

Family Story Time with Mother Nature

This will be the third year "Mother Nature" will host a story and craft time at Romulus Public Library located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

This Earth Day themed story time is open to families with children of all ages and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19. Those interested in participating must pre-register by calling the Romulus Public Library at (734) 942-7589. "Mother Nature" will be played by City of Romulus Director of Community Outreach Jazmine Danci, pictured at right.

Danci is a life-long resident of Romulus and has masters and bachelors degrees in environment and sustainability and also coordinated the other Earth Day events in the city.

"Earth Day is my favorite holiday and I am so happy to share that passion with the children at this story time event," Danci said

Family Movie Night: Dr. Seuss' The Lorax

Romulus Public Library will be showing Dr. Seuss' classic The Lorax, based on the Dr. Seuss classic first published in 1971. The Lorax chronicles the plight of the environment and the Lorax who speaks for the trees against the Once-ler.

18th Annual Citywide Clean Sweep

The City of Romulus Annual Clean Sweep Day will take place Saturday, April 23. This annual event was created by Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff in 1999 while he was serving on the city council as a way to encourage residents to take pride and ownership in their city. Waste Management co-sponsors the event.

Volunteers are welcome from all around the community to clean up litter and spruce up public spaces around the city.

No pre registration is necessary, volunteers need only show up at 9 a.m. at Romulus City Hall.

These event takes place rain or shine so volunteers should dress appropriately for the weather. All materials will be provided.

Eco-Fair

The second Eco-Fair in the city will also take place April 23. The exhibit will take place from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road.

Local organizations will be on hand to distribute environmental information and giveaways. Groups present will include Waste Management, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, MSU Extension Office and others.

Free Dumping and Tire Take-Back

In response to the Citywide Clean Sweep and spring cleaning season, there will be free dumping days for residents. Large quantities of unwanted or bulky items can be disposed of from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. April 28 and 29 and from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. April 30 at the Romulus DPW building, 12600 Wayne Road.

This year, the city has partnered with Wayne County to accept unwanted tires. Bulky items are limited to three per household and tires are limited to seven per vehicle. No commercial waste is accepted and visitors must bring proof of Romulus residency.

Only non-hazardous materials will be accepted.

For more information on the Free Dumping Days, call (734) 942-7579.

Community flower and vegetable seed collection and exchange

All month, the Romulus Public Library will be hosting a flower and vegetable seed exchange.

Anyone that brings in three packets of seeds for the seed library will receive a prize, while supplies last.

"Earth Day is an important reminder of all the actions we should be taking to protect our environment year round. I hope our residents are able to attend some of the fun and informational events we have planned for this year," said Burcroff.

Suspended teachers may be reinstated by board

The five teachers who were suspended from Savage Elementary School following allegations of impropriety on state-mandated tests will apparently be reinstated.

Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education President Brent Mikulski read a formal statement at the beginning of a meeting last week stating, "District legal representatives and MEA (Michigan Education Association) representatives met today to negotiate a global resolution to the Savage M-STEP issues and have conceptually agreed to a resolution that brings closure to this issue including reinstating the teachers. The details of this agreement are being reviewed and the parties remain hopeful that a resolution will be forthcoming as soon as possible."

The teachers were suspended by former Superintendent of Schools Michael Van Tassel, who was subsequently fired by the board. the Michigan State Department of Education disallowed the test scores from the school on the basis of the alleged improprieties in administering the tests by the teachers.

Parents have been questioning the members of the board for several weeks regarding the status of the teachers who were forcibly removed from the school in full view of students. Many parents protested the action and claimed the independent investigation performed by an outside firm was upsetting to children who were asked sometimes vague or leading questions.

The board members were closeted with the attorney for the schools for about an hour in a closed session prior to the meeting during which Mikulski read his statement.

Parents in attendance at the meeting last week demanded to be heard and accused the board members of withholding information and refusing to answer their questions regarding the issue. Questions regarding the date and conditions for reinstatement of the teachers were not answered by the board members.

Grief recovery seminar offered

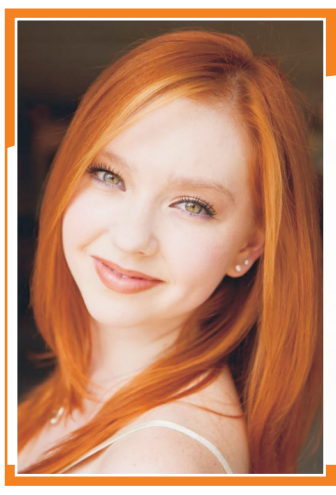
A grief-recovery seminar and support group will meet at Romulus Wesleyan Church in Romulus at 6 p.m. each Thursday. The church is located at 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. The 13 video sessions include "When Your Dreams Fall Apart," "The Seasons of Grief," "Emotions of Grief," "When Your Spouse Dies," "Your Family and Grief," "Growing Through Grief," and more.

Participants can attend any or all sessions.

The $15 registration includes a workbook/journal and weekly handouts.

More information is available by calling the church at (734) 941-1511 or on the web at www.griefshare.org.



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Friday, May 13, 2016
7:30 pm at Romulus Lanes
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Councilman Bill Wadsworth.....941-0616
Joe Ozog.....941-3466
(Tournament is not USBC sanctioned)

WAYNE - WESTLAND

Reward offered in death of family dogs

The City of Westland and the Michigan Humane Society are seeking justice for a family who lost their dogs in an incident of robbery and arson.

The Michigan Humane Society Cruelty Investigation Department is offering a $2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individuals responsible for burning three dogs alive in a Westland home after a burglary on Tuesday, March 29. The fire occurred in the 38000 block of Warren around 2 p.m. The Michigan Humane Society Cruelty Investigation Department is also offering assistance in the investigation.

"This crime is despicable on many levels," said Matthew Pepper, president and CEO of the Michigan Humane Society. "Not only was a family robbed of their belongings and displaced by a fire, they have to suffer the loss of their three beloved dogs. The dogs were trapped with no way to escape the flames and suffered greatly before ultimately perishing."

"The City of Westland and the Westland Fire Department appreciates the assistance on this case from the Michigan Humane Society," commented Mayor William Wild. "This was a truly tragic situation and we urge the public to come forward with any information regarding this crime."

The dogs' bodies have been transferred to the Michigan Humane Society Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland for examination.

Anyone with information or who may have witnessed the crime is asked to contact the Westland Fire Marshall at (734) 467-3260.

The Michigan Humane Society works to end companion animal homelessness, provide the highest quality service and compassion to the animals entrusted to their care, and to be a leader in promoting humane values. For more information, visit www.michiganhumane.org.

Wayne honors 2016 Police Officer of the Year

A 14-year veteran has been honored as the Wayne Police Officer of the Year.

Abraham Hughes was chosen for the honor by a citation board based on nominations from members of the department and recently accepted his awards at a meeting of the Wayne City Council.

He was presented with citations from the city, Wayne County and other civic organizations.

Hughes joined the Wayne department in 2002 and in recognizing him this year, the department noted two particular incidents during his time with the department.

In February last year, Hughes responded to a robbery at the Chase Bank branch in Wayne. He was able to determine that descriptions of the robber were inaccurate and by reviewing photos was able to provide a correct description of the suspect which eventually led to the apprehension and arrest of the criminal.

Former Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, left, now a Wayne County commissioner, presents a formal proclamation to Wayne Police Officer of the Year Abraham Hughes.

In September of last year, Hughes responded to reports of a homicide that had just occurred at a home on the 4000 block of Chamberlain. Hughes, the first officer on the scene, encountered the suspect and was able to contain the situation until other officers arrived to take him into custody for the killing of his step-grandfather with an axe.

"Officer Hughes displayed great courage and professionalism by putting his own safety in jeopardy and taking a violent felon into custody," said Wayne Police Chief Allen Maciag during the official recognition of his honor. Former Wayne Mayor Al Haidous who now serves as a county commissioner presented the officer with an official proclamation of appreciation and honor from the county.

"It's a great honor to come back as a citizen and county commissioner to show my appreciation for a police officer who always stands up to serve the community," said Haidous, D-Wayne. "I want to show my appreciation. I've always been proud of our public safety - they're second to none."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE

To all residents and other interested parties: Agendas and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review online at www.plymouthtwp.org under Agendas/Minutes and in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI.

Regular Meeting dates in 2016: April 12, April 26, May 17, June 14, July 19, August 9, September 13, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 15 and December 13.
Special meetings, if any, will occur on Tuesdays, unless otherwise posted. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Nancy Conzelman
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2016 for the following:

CIVIC CENTER ADA RAMP IMPROVEMENTS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2016 for the following:

CANTON TOWNSHIP PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Bids may be picked up at Northwest Consultants, Inc., 44978 Ford Road, Suite A, Canton, Michigan, 48187 for a non-refundable payment of twenty ($20.00) dollars (if requested via mail, checks or money orders only, no cash - Payable to: Northwest Consultants, Inc.). Bid documents may be examined at the following locations: Canton Township - 2nd Floor Engineering Services, on-line at the Canton Township website, Construction Association of Michigan, Dodge Data & Analytics, Construction Market Data, and Construction Data Company. Contact Gary Schmitt at: 734/454-7566 for any questions on the project. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 2016
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
Excused: Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Makowski** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-169 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 7, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner: None.
4. Chairperson's Report:
Chairperson, Cemetery Board of Trustees**,** Jan Lemmon thanked everyone who participated in making the Euchre Tournament Fundraiser, a success. The tournament was held on Friday, March 11, 2016, and raised $2040.00, which will go towards the purchase of a gate for the Romulus Cemetery.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Makowski,** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff asked for a moment of silence for all the young residents who have passed away this year. Dennis Davidson gave an update on the events that took place over the weekend and upcoming events in the City of Romulus. Mayor Burcroff commented on the success of the Mayor's Ball, which raised funds for the Romulus Boys and Girls Club. He thanked Mayor Conley, Mayor of Belleville, Robert McLaughlan, who coordinated the event, Joe Covell, Director of the Romulus Boys and Girls Club and all those involved in making the event a success.
16-170 5A1. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Crout,** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Brandon Mahon. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
16-171 5A. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Crout,** to concur with the Administration and approve the re-appointments of Reverend William Kren and Al Hindman to the DDA Board with terms to expire on December 31, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-172 5B. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo,** to award ITB 15/16-16 to Jack Doheny Companies, for the acquisition of a sewer inspection video camera system for the Department of Public Works in the amount of $8,898.00. Discussion: Councilwoman Makowski asked the Director of DPW, Roberto Scappaticci, if location was the reason for selecting the third lowest bidder, and if so then that criteria should be part of the bid specs. Director Scappaticci replied that he was not part of the bid process but according to the letter written by Assistant Director Keith Boc, there would be added costs due to shipment and possible warranty costs, so location was the deciding factor. Director Scappaticci also offered to find out if location was in the bid specs. Councilwoman Makowski replied it wasn't necessary. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-173 5C. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe**, to award ITB 15/16-14 to the only bidding company, Contractor's Connection, for the acquisition of a hydraulic post driver and a gas power unit for the Department of Public Works in the amount of $9,514.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-174 5D. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Choate**, to authorize payment for the Senior Alliance 2016 Fiscal Year match – for 2015 statistics in the amount of $1,838.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg acknowledged and thanked Jan Lemmon for all of her hard work organizing the Euchre Tournament on Friday, March 11, 2016, proceeds to benefit the Romulus Cemetery. Clerk Bragg gave a post-election report, thanking everyone who helped with the Primary Election on Tuesday, March 8th 2016. Clerk Bragg also requested Council adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mack Green.
16-175 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth,** to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-16, General Fund. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-176 6A2. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Abdo,** to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-17, Motor Vehicle. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-177 6A2(a). Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Abdo**, to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mack Green. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report
7. Public Comment:
A resident spoke about Romulus being a tax free zone for businesses. A resident thanked the Administration for all the work they have done in the City and also thanked the voters for coming out to vote on Election Day and voting yes on the millage. A resident commented on the closing of some businesses in downtown Romulus due to small businesses not being able to compete with big chains such as Lowes.
8. Unfinished Business:
Mayor Burcroff commented that the City has no authority to wave taxes for businesses. Those decisions are determined at the State level. The Mayor also commented on the importance of supporting the businesses we have in Romulus, and that the City is working hard to encourage economic growth in order to bring new businesses into the city. Councilman Wadsworth asked if the plans for the supermarket were still moving forward. Mayor Burcroff answered yes. Councilman Wadsworth also asked about a small store that looked like it was getting ready to open. The Mayor responded he didn't know.
9. New Business
10. Communication:
Councilwoman Abdo spoke about the Romulus High School Honor Society sponsoring a bowling fundraiser for the ChadTough Foundation to find a cure for Pediatric cancer. The fundraiser will be held at Romulus Lanes on April 10, 2016. Tickets are $20.00 and can be purchased through Councilwoman Abdo.
16-178 11A. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 16-05 in the amount of $6,095,107.82. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-179 11B. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout,** to pay Warrant 16-05E in the amount of $10,455.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe,** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 14, 2016. **Publish:** April 7, 2016

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Plymouth

Plymouth park manager protests replacement

A familiar face in Plymouth Township parks may be missing this year.

Township Park Foreman Eric Anderson, a former township police officer, has apparently been replaced with another seasonal employee by Director of Parks and Grants Mike Mitchell.

Anderson, 58, said he fully expected to be back on his seasonal job managing the parks, based on his meeting with Mitchell March 17. He claims that Mitchell assured him he would be returning to the position he has filled for two years, following his retirement after 28 years with the township police department where he was a sergeant.

Anderson said he went to the pavilion in the park March 28, after his meeting with Mitchell, where he was informed by another park employee that he had been replaced by a younger worker, Matt Kidd.

Anderson said he was shocked and went into the pavilion where he encountered Mitchell, township Human Resources Director Joann Coobaitis and Kidd. He says that Mitchell told him that he had been "overruled by HR" and that he had been replaced.

He says Coobaitis told him he was replaced due to "too many problems" he had created.

In a letter to members of the township board of trustees and Supervisor Shannon Price, Anderson noted that he had never been reprimanded or disciplined for any problems during his time at the park. In fact, he said, his work had been praised and Mitchell had expressed gratitude to him for his ability to manage the teen seasonal workers effectively.

Mitchell would not respond to questions regarding Anderson's replacement, referring all inquiries to Coobaitis who did not return phone calls seeking comment. He did say that Anderson was a "seasonal" employee hired only for the season. "He does not have a contract," Mitchell said. He added that Anderson is restricted to working 720 hours during the summer and that the park foreman job would require more than that amount of time this year.

Anderson, however, claims that his insistence on the teen workers performing their assigned tasks may be part of the issue. He said that some teen seasonal workers failed to do assigned tasks, showed up late or were improperly attired. When he corrected them, they referred to themselves as "political appointees" of Treasurer Ron Edwards and dismissed his attempts to correct their job performance. He said he knew the teens complained to Edwards about his demands that they do their jobs rather than use the park as a "playground."

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> **Eric Anderson**

Anderson said that Edwards originally recruited him for the job, but when the seasonal workers would complain to him about having to perform assigned tasks, Edwards would not discipline them but would transfer them to jobs at township hall. He said that Edwards told him that he owed the teens parents "big time" for political favors.

He said despite that situation, he worked reasonably well with Edwards as his direct supervisor. He said when Price hired Mitchell as the township Parks and Grants Director, he got along well with him, too. Mitchell formerly served as Price's administrative aide during his tenure with the Wayne County Commission.

Anderson said he suspects that his inside knowledge of township politics, incidents and financial practices may have played a part in his dismissal, and he said, "This new hire (Kidd) is a friend of Mike Mitchell."

He also suggested that as a witness to an altercation last year in the park between Mitchell and Edwards, he may have presented a threat to efforts to continue to cover up that confrontation. While both men dismissed the incident as minor, Anderson said that he personally witnessed a screaming Edwards drive his car recklessly and dangerously and that Edwards threatened Mitchell with a sign stake. Immediately after the altercation, Edwards ran his car into a landscape trailer.

"I suspect they would rather the truth of that incident not be public," Anderson said. Anderson has formally asked the members of the board of trustees to intervene on his behalf and says he wants his job back.

In his letter he told them that he feels he is the victim of both age discrimination and that he was fired without due process, although he stressed that he is not considering legal redress at this time. He said he has been embarrassed by the situation and that he feels Coobaitis, Edwards and Mitchell have damaged his reputation with slanderous comments about his job performance.

Price reiterated Mitchell's comments and said that Anderson was a "seasonal employee" who worked without a contract and was not fired, he was "not called back."

(Staff Writer Don Howard contributed to this story.)

Pottery sale

The Village Potters Guild members have planned their annual spring sale from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday April 29, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday April 30 and from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday May 1. Functional and decorative pottery created by members of the guild will be available at the annual event. Tableware, tiles, jewelry and a wide range of decorative and framed pieces will be sold. The studio is located at 326 N. Main St. in Plymouth. For more information or directions to the studio, visit www.villagepottersguild.org or call (734) 207-8807.

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1. Obituaries

Delories Jean Niergarth

DELORIES JEAN NIERGARTH, beloved mother, sister, wife and grandmother died April 4, 2016.
Mrs. Neirgarth was born in Wyandotte, Michigan on January 17,1937 to Clarence and Ethel Fields. She settled in Romulus in 1962 with Bruce Niergarth, the love of her life where they raised four children. She retired from Romulus High School as the head cook. She enjoyed yard work, going to the casino and her afternoon tea (but her family knew it was wine). She was the beloved wife of the late Bruce Niergarth and devoted mother of Joan (Dave) Henry, Donald (Kim) Niergarth, Tina Hunt and Tamara Niergarth; the loving grandmother of Jessica Peterman, Kristine Niergarth, Stephanie Bergsieker, A.J. Riopelle, Brian Niergarth, Anthony Riopelle and the late Robert Minton, and great-grandmother of Alexander, Leela, Brayden and Damon. She is also survived by her sisters Louise Grzincic of Missouri and Linda Ingle of Wyandotte and her brother Robert Fields of South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her brother Albert Fields.
Service is Friday, 10 a.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Thursday, 1 ~ 8 p.m. Her cremation will take place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. Donations may be made to Compassus Hospice or the Breast Cancer Foundation . www.michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com

30. Help Wanted

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Wayne class reunion planned

Wayne Memorial High School all class reunion is being planned for 5-10 p.m. May 13. Information and registration forms are available at www.waynehighalumni.com regarding the dinner at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne.

This year, the class of 1966 will be honored along with all those who attended Wayne High School or Wayne Memorial High School. Dress is informal.

Tickets are $30 per person until May 1 and $40 if purchased after that date.

Information and registration forms available at www.waynehighalumni.com. There will be two forms, one for the all-class reunion May 13 and one for the 1966 50th class reunion May 14. Forms available under additional reunion heading.

Those attending both events need to submit both forms.

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$3.9 million in street repairs planned

Lottery winners in Canton Township will see $3.6 million in street repairs to local subdivisions.

The locations for the repairs in the township were chosen through a local lottery last year that selected the 13 neighborhoods which were to receive $1.5 million in funding for street repairs from Wayne County. The project was delayed from the scheduled start date last summer. Seven more subdivisions were added to the list of those to receive repairs when another $1.5 million was allocated by the county.

The balance of the repairs, or about $600,000 will be paid by the homeowners associations in the subdivisions, as the project requires 20 percent in matching funds.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the project would certainly provide a smoother ride in many areas, but did not include all the repairs necessary to area roads.

Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees have awarded a contract for $629,219 to Hutch Paving Co. to perform asphalt repairs in some areas of the township and awarded a contract to Florence Cement Co. for $2.4 million in concrete replacement.

The pavement repairs are expected to begin in late spring and continue through November, officials said.

Neighborhoods slated for repair include: Forest Brook, Meadow Brook, Century Farms, Oakvale/Stonegate, Fairways West, Willow Homes, Nowland Estates, Canton Country Acres, Huntington Place No. 1, River Woods, Salem Manor, Royal Pointe and Glengarry No. 1. Added to the list this year were: Windsor Park, Brookside No. 5, Meadow Villages, Sunflower and the Glengarry subdivisions.

Spotlight Players to present Guys & Dolls

One of the most popular Broadway musicals comes to the main stage of The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, when Spotlight Players presents Guys and Dolls April 15-17 and April 22-24.

This production of Guys and Dolls features a cast of 25 performers, including several family members.

Kurt Bowen who plays Sky Masterson, will join his wife, Tracey, on stage for a second time.

"It's what we both love to do more than anything else - sing and perform," he said. "The only thing better than being on stage, is being on stage together. Since shows demand such a substantial time commitment from those involved, it also gives us more opportunity to spend quality time with each other. In fact, we try to pick shows to audition for that we believe would give us both the greatest probability of being cast, which brought us to Spotlight's production of Guys and Dolls."

Don Barrow, who plays Big Jule, enjoys working with his partner, Robert Doyle.

"With his experience in theater and his help, I am always able to learn a new trick or two to get the audience to understand my character better."

Bethany Taylor is thrilled to perform next to her sister, Harmony, and father, Tim, in their first community production with Spotlight Players.

"It's hilarious watching my Dad learn the dances and interact with the other 'gamblers," she said. "I also really like seeing my sister enjoying her passion. It has been great to have the opportunity to do something we all love, but to do it together as a family."

Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2 p.m.

Tickets range from $16-$18 and can be purchased by calling the box office at (734) 394-5300 or visiting www.cantonvillagetheater.org. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater is located at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Genealogists to meet, provide research tips

The next meeting of the Northville Genealogy Society will include two noted speakers.

Mary Hazlett has done extensive research in Ohio and will share her procedures for effectively conducting research on Ohio ancestors during a roundtable discussion set to begin at 1:15 p.m.

Kathy Petlewski, genealogical specialist at the Plymouth Library, will discuss immigration and naturalization records. She will demonstrate ways to gain access to records immigration efforts, often the way to determine where ancestors were from overseas.

The public is invited to attend the meeting free of charge on Sunday, April 10 with the roundtable, Researching in Ohio, followed by a short business meeting and refreshments at 2:30.

Petlewski is scheduled to speak on Immigration and Naturalization at 3 p.m.

The meeting is planned at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady, in Northville.

For more information contact Grace Wilfong at (248) 349-9079 or visit www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

Police investigators seeking information about homicide

Michigan State Police are continuing to investigate the shooting last week of a man well-known to law enforcement.

According to police reports, state troopers and Inkster police officers were called to a yard in the 1400 block of Jeffrey Lane near Parkwood Street at about 12:15 a.m. March 31.

Inkster officers and Michigan State Police Secure Cities Troopers arrived following the 911 call reporting a man lying in a yard at the location. Officers found a deceased man in the yard in front of 1405 Jeffrey Lane. After calling the Wayne County Coroner, investigators secured and processed the scene where they found shell casings in the area.

Police said that interviews of witnesses are continuing at this time and that the family of the deceased has been notified.

"This was not a random shooting and the victim is well known to law enforcement," a police spokesman said. "Anyone with information is asked to contact crime stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK UP."

No further information is being released regarding the incident, police said.

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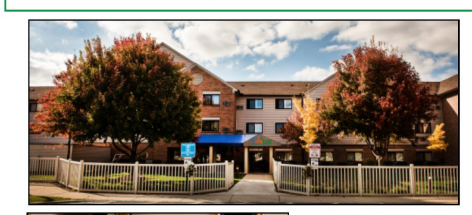
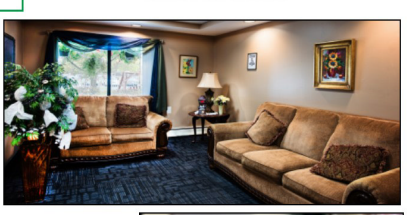

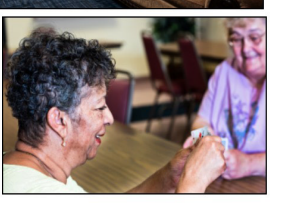

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Calendar of events

School sets Tuesday tours

St. Mary Catholic School in Wayne is hosting Tuesday Tour Days during the month of April.

Interested parents can drop in at the school from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. or call for an appointment to tour the school and meet teachers and the principal. Classrooms will be open for visits and registration and tuition information for the 2016-2017 school year will be available.

St. Mary offers preschool 3-and 4-year-old programs and grades kindergarten through eighth grade classes.

St Mary Catholic School is located at 34516 Michigan Ave. in Wayne.

For more information, call (734) 721-1240 or access schooloffice@stmarywayne.org.

Pilates Plus classes offered

Pilates is a stretching exercise system designed to strengthen muscles of the core and help overcome back pain. Pilates is not aerobics but is more similar to some forms of yoga working on improving balance, coordination, flexibility, and range of motion. The instructor can make modifications to make exercises easier or more challenging. Participants should exercise clothes and bring a mat (preferably a little thicker than a yoga mat).

Classes are planned from 6-7 p.m. on Wednesdays, through June 29. Classes are designed for those 13 and older.

Class fee is $139 or $124 for City of Plymouth residents.

For information, call (734) 455-6620. Classes will take place at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth

T-ball registration under way

The City of Plymouth - Recreation Department, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth will accept registrations from 5 and 6-year-olds for a go-ed T-ball league through April 8.

Registration hours are 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or online at [https://plymouthwebtrac.net/wbwsc/plymouthwebtrac.wsc/splash.html]

To register online you must have an email address on file, a username, and a password; for first time users this can be set-up by the Recreation Department. To get set-up with a username and password please email recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us [mailto:recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us]or call (734)455-6620.

Players must be born in 2010 or 2011 calendar years. Fees are $65 for Plymouth residents and $85 for non-residents.

Bowl to help vets

The sons of the American Legion will sponsor a Bowling Fundraiser beginning with registration at noon April 9 at the Westland Bowl, 5940 North Wayne Road in Westland.

Bowling will begin at 1 p.m. and the $15 per person fee includes three games of bowling, shoe rental pizza and pop.

There will also be raffles and a 50/50 drawing. For more information call (248) 421-9813.

Wildflowers Folklore is topic

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is hosting an indoor presentation on Michigan wildflowers from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9 at the Interpretive Center located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

The presentation will include photographs and a discussion of the secrets of wildflowers, including the use of them by Native Americans and early settlers for food, medicine and other daily needs. Chemicals in these plants are still being studied today for medicinal uses.

The meaning of stripes on the petals, how Jack-in-the-Pulpit can change from male to female, what mountain folklore says will happen if a Trillium or Mayapple is picked, why Jewelweed is also called "Touch me not", how many different butterfly species lay eggs on Stinging Nettle and many other secrets will be revealed. The program is recommended for ages 12 and up.

Program fee is $3 per person; add $1 per person for out-of-county residents. Please call (734) 261-1992 or stop into the Wayne County Parks office located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to pre- register

Health workshop scheduled

Kurt Kazanowski of Homewatch CareGivers, an in-home healthcare expert and a recognized speaker on the subject, will be hosting an interactive workshop from 9 until 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Kazanowski will discuss the challenges and solutions of the adult caregiver, with key topics including: financial decision-making, how to receive / pay for home care services; Veterans Administration benefits and dementia and Alzheimer's care tips.

The workshop is open to anyone looking for guidance in caring for the aging.

Tickets are priced at $20 if purchased before April 9, and $25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the event site: http://thehomecareexpert.com/workshop-april-9-2016/.

Millionaires to perform

The seven-piece Millionaires jump blues and swing band will perform from 7-10 p.m. April 12 at the Blues At The Elks series.

The concert and dance will take place at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge, located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, just a mile west of the I-275 expressway Ann Arbor Road exit.

This is a 21 and over event with a cash bar, pizza by the slice and free popcorn available. Admission is $5 at the door and this event is open to the general public. This event attracts swing dancers from across the Metro Detroit area every month year round.

Giving Hope sets Girls' Night Out

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle members are organizing the annual charity event from 6:30-9 p.m. April 13 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, 8768 North Territorial Road in Plymouth.

The Giving Our All for Family, Fun and Fitness event includes food and a cash bar, shopping and a fashion show, a raffle and a variety of silent auction items.

The event fee is $35 and pre-registration is required at www.cantonfoundationm.org.

Last year, more than 200 women attended the event.

For more information, contact Beth Meade at (734) 495-1200.

Historical society discussed

As part of the Homegrown Knowledge series at the Belleville Area District Library, representatives from the Belleville Civil War Historical Society will speak at 7 p.m. April 14 in the Library Program Room.

The series features a local speaker on the second Thursday of the month and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville. For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

Underground Railroad will be topic

The Wayne Historical Society will host Carol Clements as she details the history of the Underground Railroad in Wayne County.

She will discuss the places and the people who risked it all to help the Underground Railroad bring passengers to freedom.

Clements is the Park Manager/Naturalist at Nankin Mills Nature Center in Westland. This program is free and starts at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Wayne Historical Museum in downtown Wayne. The museum is open from 4-7 p.m. every Thursday for tours.

Register for Rake N Go

Volunteers have until April 15 to register for the Plymouth Community United Way Rake N Go, effort, organized in partnership with Plymouth Community Council on Aging, and Comcast Cares Day to help senior citizens and those with disabilities with yard care.

All ages are welcome, but those younger than 18 need to be accompanied by an adult. To volunteer, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org by April 15.

Low-income seniors, 65 and older, who feel they may qualify for service should also contact Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7. Income verification will be required.

For more information and an application, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org

Rummage Sale is planned

The Salvation Army will host a Rummage Sale from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday, April 15.

All proceeds will be used to help support the Older, Wiser and Loving Senior Group.

Tables are available to vendors for $20.

The Salvation Army Plymouth is located at 9451 S. Main St.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Mom-2-Mom sale planned

Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road in New Boston, will host a Mom-2-Mom sale from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. April 16.

Admittance is one non-perishable food item or $1 per person.

Gently used clothing, toys, books, games and other items will be for sale.

All proceeds will be used for the Willow Women's Group Community Outreach Program.

United Way sets meeting

The Plymouth Community United Way will be hosting the 2015 Annual Meeting beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, April 15 at the Comcast offices, 41112 Concept Dr., Plymouth.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, according to a spokesman. Those in attendance will enjoy a continental breakfast and networking with business associates and agency representatives. The meeting will include reports on the Plymouth Community United Way 2015 finances and programs and key contributors and special awardees will be recognized.

Anyone interested in attending the meeting should RSVP at (734) 453-6879 ext. 2.

For more information, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org. Serving the Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County area since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs of individuals and families.

Kroger

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cuts. He said the new project is simply a redevelopment and would have "little or no impact on the existing sites physical, geological, hydrological and other environmental features."

Pisko said Kroger customers in the township "…are not well served by the absence of a Kroger fueling station."

Township commissioners did not agree.

"I find the request problematic," said Commissioner Fred Shadko.

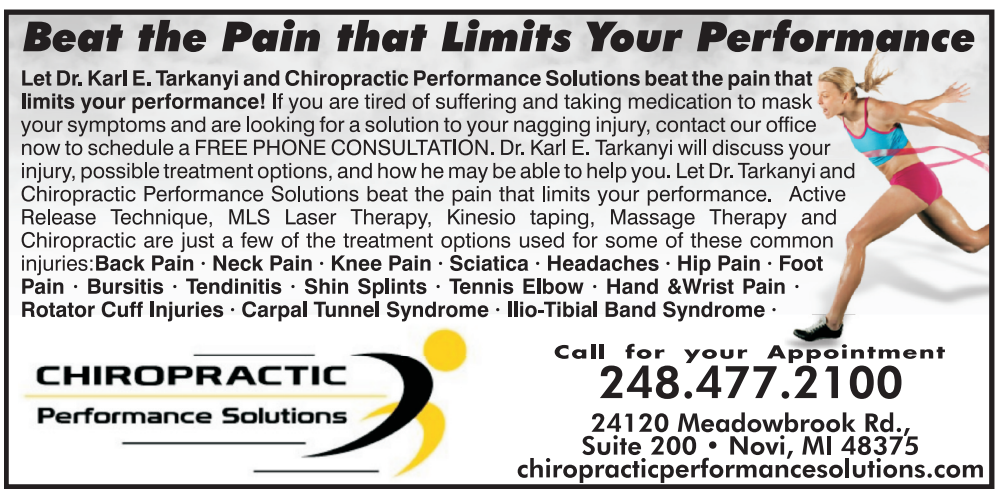
In a formal review addressed to the commission, Northville Township Director of Community Development Jennifer Frey stated, "There is an existing gas station across the street…gas is also available three miles to the north on Haggerty. The ability for Kroger to increase store volume and visibility are not criteria for approving a rezoning."

Although the Kroger property is located in Northville Township the potential impact for Lake Pointe, the largest subdivision in Plymouth Township, could be significant. The Lake Pointe Homeowners Association sent out email notices to more than 600 residents alerting them of the township hearing.

Lake Pointe resident Tony Signorelli attended the public hearing and voiced concerns about safety and traffic before the commission.

"I'm afraid this is just beginning," Signorelli said after the meeting. "I heard they also want to expand to become a 'Big Kroger,'" a reference to the Super Kroger supermarkets.

Both Pisko and Kroger Communications Manager Ken McClure declined to comment on the rezoning request hearing.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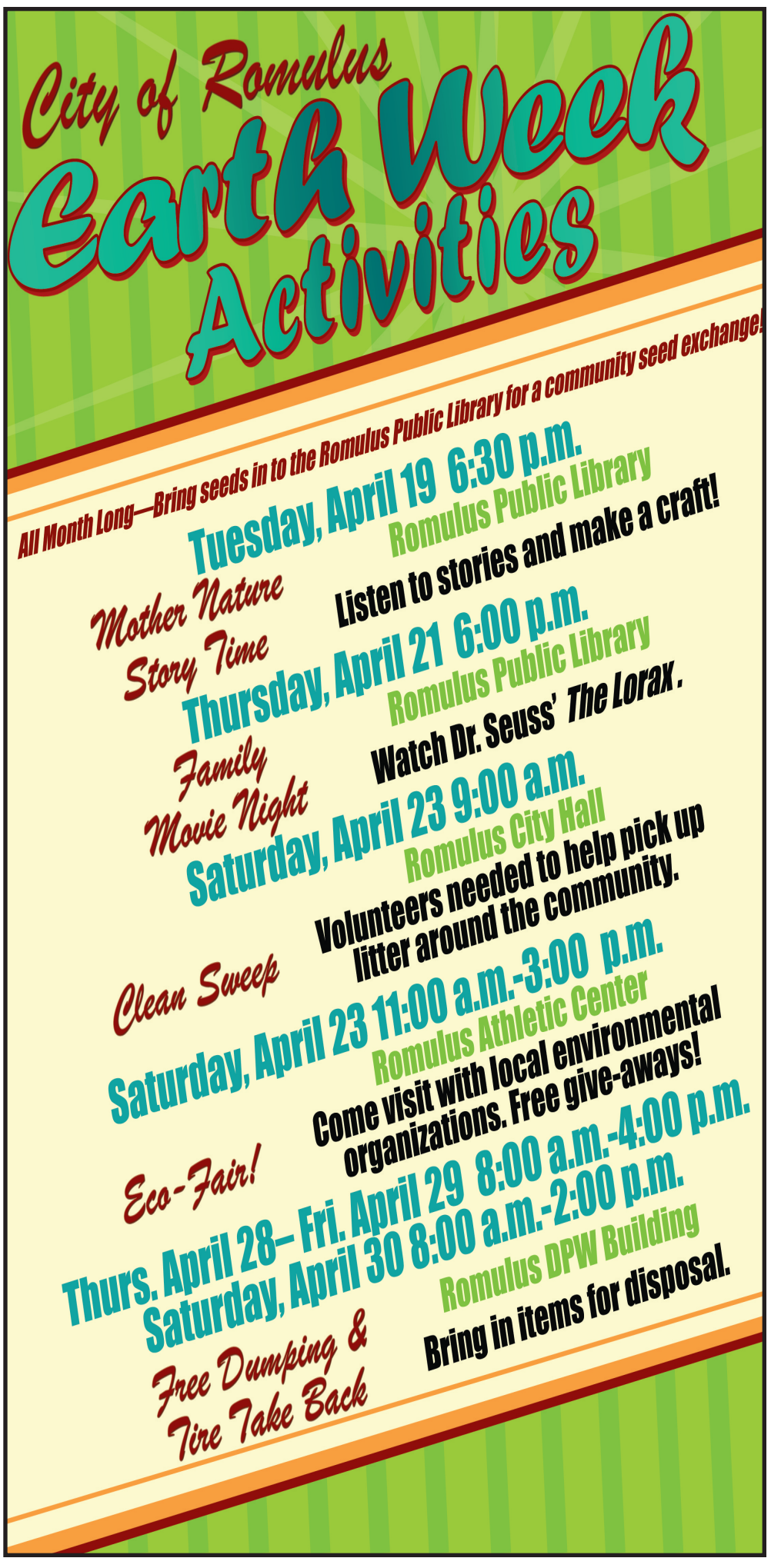
City of Romulus
Earth Week Activities
All Month Long—Bring seeds in to the Romulus Public Library for a community seed exchange!
Mother Nature Story Time
Tuesday, April 19 6:30 p.m.
Romulus Public Library
Listen to stories and make a craft!
Family Movie Night
Thursday, April 21 6:00 p.m.
Romulus Public Library
Watch Dr. Seuss' The Lorax.
Clean Sweep
Saturday, April 23 9:00 a.m.
Romulus City Hall
Volunteers needed to help pick up litter around the community.
Saturday, April 23 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Romulus Athletic Center
Eco-Fair!
Come visit with local environmental organizations. Free give-aways!
Thurs. April 28– Fri. April 29 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 30 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Romulus DPW Building
Free Dumping & Tire Take Back
Bring in items for disposal.